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Hon. Anne K. Quinlan Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (688X), CSX Transportation, Inc - Abandonment Exemption -- in Marion County, Indiana

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Reference is made to the letter, dated April 10, 2009 (and filed with the Board on April 28, 2009), from Richard Vonnegut of the Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. ("ITF") requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (the "Extension Request") with CSX Transportation, Inc ("CSXT") in the above-captioned proceeding. The current negotiating period expires on May 3, 2009.

CSXT hereby acknowledges and concurs with ITF's extension request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with ITF, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with ITF. Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant ITF's request for a 180-day extension of time to October 3, 2009 to negotiate trail use with ITF. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to December 29, 2009.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Parties of Record